



Statewide Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Apr 12, 2018

Department of Safety and Homeland Security, 303 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Robert Coupe - Chair/Secretary DSHS
Gene Donaldson, DelDOT
Jeff Miller – NCC/PSC
Joseph Hughes – LLG
Romain L. Alexander – Office of the Gov.
Warren Jones - DVFA
Joe Thomas – Sussex County
Collin Faulkner – Kent County
Demond May – City of Wilmington
LTC Garland Pennington – DE NG

Members Absent:

Timothy Radcliffe - DOC
Patricia Gannon - PSC
Mark Cabry – DTI
Timothy Sexton – DHSS
Chief Scott Collins – DE Police Chiefs Council

Attendees:

Marty McClain - DHS
Tom Kadunce - DivComm
Joe Mulford – DSP
Eric Wagner – DivComm
Chris Klein – DSHS
John Healy – DivComm
Amanda Lake - DivComm
Lori Stone – FirstNet
Aleine Cohen - DOJ

Welcome Remarks – Robert Coupe, Chair

The meeting was called to order with introductions at 9:00 a.m. by Secretary Robert Coupe, Chair.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting – Secretary Robert Coupe, Chair noted corrections to the previous minutes. Move Joe Thomas from members absent to members present and change LTC Blevins to LTC Pennington. Motion to approve by Gene Donaldson second by Warren Jones, minutes approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Updates

Operations – Gene Donaldson

Gene briefed that the Subcommittee update would be covered during the business meeting.

Training and Exercise – Tom Kadunce

Tom reported initial network and microwave training for Comm Techs would begin in June. Console training will be scheduled later this year for operators and maintainers. Additionally the Division of Communications will be participating in DEMA exercise Atlantic Fury being held Apr 30 – May 06.

Scheduled Business Meeting

800 & 700 MHz System Update – Tom Kadunce

Tom briefed that there was a communications outage in the City of Wilmington. The Division of Communications replaced the Tower top amplifier and the City is now communicating normally. The Division of Communications is discussing options with the City of Wilmington to preclude future outages as part of the Technology Refresh program.

The 700 MHz system is beginning to age and have intermittent problems. The Division of Communications has increased its preventative maintenance inspections to help mitigate the problems. We are also working on a proposal to upgrade the 700MHz system or possibly fold DOC into the 800MHz system.

800 MHz Technology Refresh Update – Tom Kadunce

Tom briefed the microwave installation is complete, console installation is in work at this time. Site civil work is in progress for the prime sites in all three counties. The overall project will be complete in 2024.

P25 Radio Update – Tom Kadunce

Tom briefed on the DVFA replacement radio numbers. All non-P25 compatible radios will need to be replaced before cutover in 2024. The new system will operate at a lower baud rate until radio replacement is complete.

Motorola is offering a discount on radios, in order for the discount to be valid a radio currently operating on the State system which is not P25 compatible must be turned in. Radios not on the State 800MHz system are not valid for the discount.

Broadband Update – Robbie Hunt

Robbie briefed that we are currently working on the SLIP Phase 2 grant and determining the best use for the grant. We are looking at coverage for broadband internet, especially in Sussex County due to the Gov. Broadband initiative. FirstNet is reaching out to fire companies directly. DivComm Deputy Director Eric Wagner is the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC). If you are contacted please reach out to Deputy Director Wagner with questions or concerns.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sec. Coupe briefed that the Fire Paging has been brought to the E911 board for possible options.

Gene Donaldson briefed that the 4.9GHz bandwidth is being looked at by the FCC for release due to limited usage. DeIDOT is currently building out and licensing as they expand. DeIDOT is also looking to utilize the transportation dedicated 5.7GHz bandwidth.

Joe Thomas briefed on the Worcester County and Wicomico frequency sharing is causing interoperability problems due to FDMA and TDMA incompatibility. The MD counties will not allow FDMA on their system as currently being used by the State of Delaware. Joe Thomas is working on setting up a meeting between Delaware and Maryland to determine a resolution.

Sec. Coupe briefed that the State Fire Paging system is gaining and replacement is being brought to the E911 board for possible solutions and/or funding.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 14 Jun, 2018 9 a.m. at the DSHS 2nd Floor conference room.

Adjourn

Motion by Gene Donaldson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

2018 SIEC Bimonthly Meetings

08 Feb 18, 12 Apr 18, 14 Jun 18, 09 Aug 18, 11 Oct 18, 13 Dec 18